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Mr. Gregory SMYTH  
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Dear Mr. SMYTH,

Thank you for your letter dated 30 July 2021 regarding your concerns about the issues of HongKong Ice Hockey Association (HKIHA). Further to our interim reply dated 6 August 2021, we would like to provide our response as below.

#### **Adherence to selection criteria for the Junior National Team**

HKIHA forms National Teams to play in international competitions. The teams formed with players under the age of 15 are classified as Junior National Teams. The recruitment of junior player would be conducted for each international event and the selection criteria would be posted on HKIHA's website. However, we concur that the information on the selection process and criteria could be stated more comprehensible. In order to provide precise and thorough information, HKIHA was advised to enhance their website.

#### **Publication of Information regarding the HKIHA's Governance in the website**

As explained in my previous letter, HKIHA had published their AoA on their website. To enhance its governance, HKIHA have been carrying out a comprehensive review to their AoA. We hope with the completion of the review, a fair and more transparent policies on the Board structure and election process could be established.

#### **Allocation of Government Funding**

HKIHA received subvention from LCSD through the Sports Subvention Scheme (SSS). To obtain the subvention, HKIHA has to submit the programme plan annually for LCSD's assessment and consideration. According to the 2020-21 programme plan submitted by HKIHA, it encompassed squad training and

participation in overseas events for youth, men and women teams, training programmes in the community, local competitions, official and coach training and HKIHA had been deploying the government subvention to conduct the programmes in their annual plan accordingly. Information on the subvention from LCSD through SSS could be found on the HKIHA website. At the same time, National Sports Associations are not specifically required to organize local competitions/leagues which are recognized by their respective international federations in order to receive government subvention.

Thank you for your concern for ice hockey development in Hong Kong. LCSD will continue to monitor the performance of HKIHA. If you have further enquiry, please feel free to contact Ms Anna LEE of Sports Development Section on 2601 7646.

Yours sincerely,

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(Ms Joeva LUI)  
for Director of Leisure and Cultural Services